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Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Steel Combine, Hunedoara

Developments at the Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Steel Combine reported in September 1952 Rumanian papers were as follows:

A conference was held at the Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Steel Combine in Hunedoara to discuss means for reducing the output of inferior metal. Participants included engineers from Sovrommetal, the 23 August Steel Plant, the Victoria Steel Plant, the Valhita Steel Plant in Odorhei, and other metallurgical enterprises. It was reported at the conference that the index of utilization of furnaces was 12 percent greater in 1952 than in 1949 at Sovrommetal and 54 percent greater at furnace No 2 of Hunedoara.(1)

A drive was carried on at the combine to conserve materials. Outstanding in this drive were a brigade under Aurile Martalogu, which saved material worth 3,450 lei in the first 25 days of August by using the Lidya Korabelni-Kova method, and the brigade of fitter Stefan Kottan, which saved 10,460 lei.(2) Workers in the steel smelting section exceeded daily norms 60 percent by using the Kotlyar, Kuznetsov, and Voroshin methods.(3) They pledged further increases in production.(4) They stated that they would smelt 90 percent of the steel according to advanced Soviet methods, and that they would, in addition, prepare 10 rapid charges. They declared that they would be working on their 1 November quotas by 5 October.(5) Workers of the rolling mill likewise pledged increased productivity.(4,5)

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The iron smelting section and the Siemens-Martin furnace section are applying Soviet methods on an increased scale.(3) The Soviet Filipov method has permitted an increase of 19.24 percent in the index of the use of furnaces.(6) Furnace workers of the entire enterprise pledged that they would save 50,000 lei by 5 October.(5)

Sovrommetal, Resita

Romania Libera, Scantela, and Viata Sindicala mentioned the following sections of Sovrommetal in their September issues: steel drawing shop (7), rolled metal section (8), furnace No 1 (9), wheel factory, railroad tire section, axle assembly section (1), forge section, machine tool section, screw section, coke section (3), production hall No 10 (9), electric motor section (1), electric motor factory (10), and electric machinery factory.(11) Activities of Sovrommetal components were reported as follows:

The steel drawing shop fulfilled its August plan 112.3 percent. On 29 August the shop was working on its October quota. The collective of the shop saved 10,000 lei by the rational use of lubricants and raw materials.(7)

The technological brigade of the rolled metal section of Sovrommetal held a conference to discuss the reduction of tolerances in rolled metals. Participants at the conference included delegates from the Ministry of Metallurgical and Chemical Industries and from the Metal-Chemical Union, Stakhanovites of Sovrommetal, technicians of the rolling mill of the Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Steel Combine, and workers from the Otelul Rosu Steel Plant in Campia Turzii and other enterprises. Delegates from the Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Steel Combine and from Sovrommetal discussed steps taken for the production of greater quantities of profile from the same quantity of rolled steel. They also discussed means for reducing defective sections in sheet metal, and for producing rolled metal according to the minimum tolerances permitted by the STAS (Standarde de Stat, State Standards) (8)

The collective of steel furnace No 1a and the Ilya Ehrenburg plant brigade of production hall No 10 were working ahead of schedule.(9) The wheel factory, railroad tire section, and axle assembly section exceeded norms. The electric motor section produced an Ilgner station and Ward-Leonard equipment for a power station 3 days ahead of schedule.(1) Workers in the machine tool, screw, and coke sections pledged increased production in honor of the draft Constitution.(4) The collective of the forge section achieved economies by reconditioning screws.(3) A new production hall was constructed at the electric motor factory.(10) The electrical machinery factory reported increased production.(11)

Steaua Rosie Equipment Plant, Bucharest

Viata Sindicala and Viata Capitalei mentioned the following sections of the Steaua Rosie Equipment Plant in September 1952: machine building shop (12), construction section, smelting section (13), and the lathe section (14) Activities of the plant were reported as follows:

The Steaua Rosie Equipment Plant manufactures cars for transport within factory buildings (15). In addition, it produces cement mixers, winches, and cranes. In September 1952, workers of the plant, headed by 36 Stakhanovites and 230 leading workers, pledged production of four 250-liter cement mixers, two 450-liter cement mixers, 30 manual winches of 5, 10, and 15 tons, and ten mechanical cranes above the plan, in honor of the 19th Party Congress of the USSR Communist Party.(11)

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The Stakhanovite brigade of the machine building shop produced 250 mechanical cranes and 50 cement mixers above plan. As of 22 August the brigade was working on its October 1952 quota. (12) The Pacii-Jorge Amado brigade of the construction section was designated a Stakhanovite brigade in honor of 23 August. A brigade under Matei Marin in the smelting section fulfilled its norm 150 percent. (13) The lathe section reorganized work so that each shift would have equal duties. The new Ionier method was introduced for the use of the steam winch. (14)

23 August Steel Plant

Viata Capitala, Viata Sindicala, and Scanteia reported the following sections of the 23 August Steel Plant in their September 1952 issues: boiler section, machine building section (15), steel and crude ore sections, wheel section, forge section (9), machine section, automotive engine section (19), smelting section (16), and light machine section (9). Activity at the plant was reported as follows:

A meeting held at the 23 August Steel Plant to discuss the draft Constitution was attended by 1,849 workers of the enterprise. The number of workers designated Stakhanovites in honor of the draft Constitution rose from 133 to 206, the number of leading workers from 616 to 995. (18) To spur efficiency, a technological brigade was formed. Outstanding members of this brigade included Master Ion Preda, chief of the crude ore section, Stakhanovite Ion Balan, leading smelter Pantelimon Spatary, Stefan Zibter, master patternmaker Ioan Floran, and others (9). Ten complex brigades of innovators were formed in the entire plant. Each brigade has 10-30 members. These brigades are directly under the enterprise innovation commission. Brigade members are educated politically, technically, and organizationally. The brigade is called complex because it contains all types of specialists and because it suggests and carries out new methods and procedures. (16)

A complex brigade of innovators, consisting of 34 men, was formed from among workers and technicians of the boiler and machine building sections. The brigade is headed by Ion Gaitan. Membership includes technicians Gheorghe Paceri, Stakhanovite Petre Deziladea, chief of the boiler section; Engineer R. Muscan, and Master Eremita Vasile. (15) This brigade introduced 49 innovations with a saving of 440,000 lei in the 5 months of its activity. (16) The boiler section pledged production of one revolving crane and two derricks above the October quotas. (17)

A brigade under Stakhanovite Ion Balan of the smelting shop pledged a one-percent reduction in rejects. The steel and crude ore sections of the shop cut rejects to zero. (18) The smelting shop as a whole pledged production of parts for 36 diesel mine locomotives by 5 October. (17)

Drill times were eliminated in the wheel section by the reorganization of work and by lowering the amount of steel used. One lathe operation was eliminated in the production of pistons for Ganz motors. The technological brigade of the forge section cut down fraisage of fuel pump housings for Ganz motors so that pieces go directly to the polishing machines. Likewise, several taps were eliminated in the light machine section (9). In addition the forge section pledged production of transmissions for three 100-horsepower motors. In conformity with the drive for greater efficiency, Stakhanovite master Alexander Stano of the machine section produced a ramp for the collection of shavings to conserve materials. In the boiler section Stakhanovite Mihai Slavina complained that wagonloads of shavings remained in the shop for days without being unloaded. Members of the automotive engine section made suggestions for conserving materials. (19) The smelting section applied 16 innovations for conserving materials, and succeeded in saving 124,000 lei by 24 August. (16)

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